

## TRIGG CO. TO RESIST Its Answer to Attempt to Place It in Bankruptcy.

### CASE TO BE HEARD TODAY

Argument Advanced that the Trigg Company is Not Such a Corporation as to Come Within the National Bankruptcy Law.

The William R. Trigg Company, by counsel J. Jordan Leake, and Christian and Christian, attorneys, yesterday filed their answer. Accompanying the answer is a motion to dismiss the petition of creditors to have the said William R. Trigg Company adjudicated bankrupt and a demurrer to that petition. There are also filed answers and demurrers on the part of the Virginia Trust Company and the majority of the second mortgage bondholders.

Judge Waddill will, to-day in the District Court, set a time for hearing the motion to dismiss the petitions and the argument thereon.

The William R. Trigg Company in its answer alleges that it is not such a corporation as to come within the application of the national bankruptcy law; that the petitioners are not creditors having provable claims amounting to \$500 in excess of securities held by them; that the Commercial Trust Company is not a creditor for any amount whatsoever, and that the petition does not show that any of the creditors has a provable claim exceeding \$500.

**QUESTION AT ISSUE.**  
The question at issue, rather than which is regarded as the crucial issue in the proceeding, is as to whether the amendment to the bankruptcy law making appointment of a receiver operate to force a company into bankruptcy by retroactive law in its operation. It seems that when the receivership was determined upon the bankruptcy law did not make that ground for declaring a company bankrupt, but the law has since that date and prior to the filing of these petitions of creditors been amended so as to make the appointment of a receiver equivalent to declaring a company or firm bankrupt.

In its answer the William R. Trigg Company, without waiving its motion to dismiss the petition or its demurrer thereon, does controvert such petition and file the following answer:  
The said William R. Trigg Company is a corporation, but not a corporation engaged principally in manufacturing or in trading or in printing or publishing or in mercantile pursuits but principally engaged in building construction and repair of boats and vessels on orders from customers and in the operation of the Richmond dock as successors in law of the Richmond Dock Company.

**ARE NOT CREDITORS.**  
2. That said petitioners are not creditors of the said William R. Trigg Company, having provable claims amounting in the aggregate, in excess of securities held by them to \$500, because all said petitioners hold liens or securities as set forth in said petition on property of said William R. Trigg Company for the entire amounts of their indebtedness, except as to the sum of \$65.50 claimed by the petitioner, Merchant & Co., Incorporated. That said Commercial Trust Company as trustee is not a creditor of said William R. Trigg Company for any amount whatsoever and said petition does not show that any other of said petitioners claim vs. the William R. Trigg Company; wherefore answer is made to said petition and a hearing and the judgment of the court is asked thereon.

In the case of the Seaboard Steel Casting Company vs. The William R. Trigg Company, to which the answer is made, The William R. Trigg Company moves to dismiss the petition and also demurs to said petition, saying the same is not sufficient in law, and assigns four grounds for this contention:

(1) Said petition is not properly verified under oath, as required by law.

(2) That said petition states on its face that all the petitioners have or claim to have liens or securities upon the property of the said William R. Trigg Company for the entire amount of their indebtedness, except as to the sum of \$65.50, claimed by petitioner, Merchant & Co., Incorporated, and therefore it does not appear that the said petitioners, except Merchant & Co., have provable claims amounting to \$500.

(3) The said Commercial Trust Company, trustee, is not such a creditor of said William R. Trigg Company as can join in a petition in bankruptcy under the act of July 1st, 1898.

**NOT ACT OF BANKRUPTCY.**  
(4) That the alleged act of bankruptcy committed by the said William R. Trigg Company, namely, the appointment of a receiver for said company because of insolvency on December 23d, 1902, does not constitute an act of bankruptcy under the act of July 1st, 1898, and therefore said petition does not sufficiently allege the commission of an act of bankruptcy.

The Virginia Trust Company, by counsel, also files similar answers, makes similar motion and enters similar demurrer to the petition of the Seaboard Steel Casting Company.

The second mortgage bondholders, including Henry M. Flieger, Virginia Passenger and Power Company, James N. Boyd, Robert S. Boelter, Thomas Alkinson, City Bank of Richmond, Joseph Bryan, Davison & Co., Planters National Bank, S. W. Travers, S. D. Crenshaw and others also file answers and motions to dismiss and demurrers to the petition of the Seaboard Steel Casting Company and other creditors.

In its answer to the Frederick Post Company, of Chicago, and other creditors, who filed their petitions through

Stern & Stern, attorneys, the company makes the same answer and offers the same motion to dismiss the petition and demurs to the petition. The following are the grounds stated for the motion to dismiss and the demurrer to the petition: First, the petition is not properly verified; second, neither the appointment of a receiver nor the suing out of attachments against the property of the company by creditors constituted an act of bankruptcy; third, the petition does not allege that the William R. Trigg Company was insolvent at the time of suing out such attachments nor that said attachments were sued out within four months before filing said petition. Similar answers are filed by the Virginia Trust Company and the second mortgage bondholders.

### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Monthly Meeting, Sunday, Interesting and Well Attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association of Richmond and Manchester was held Sunday afternoon at the East-End Baptist Church. President W. D. Duke presided. The meeting was one of the most interesting held during the present year, and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. John Hanson, of Union Station Methodist Church, delivered a splendid address, and his words of exhortation and encouragement to the young and old were inspiring, instructive and entertaining. Rev. Joel T. Tucker, pastor of the church, also made a short talk, which was enjoyed.

The following schools reported for April, 1903:

	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.
Fine Street.....	91	556	\$57.22
Venable Street.....	37	341	18.50
Leigh Street.....	49	365	26.00
Grace Street.....	48	288	59.71
Second Church.....	28	271	26.33
Pulston.....	26	236	37.08
East End.....	25	232	13.75
First Church.....	56	529	22.30
Brands Memorial.....	21	210	20.69
Grove Avenue.....	31	189	33.96
Randolph Street.....	32	183	13.00
West View.....	22	174	20.48
Clopton Street.....	22	122	27.01
Stockton Street.....	16	107	11.50
Immanuel.....	15	98	11.12
Oak Grove.....	14	75	11.88
Barton Heights.....	11	61	7.47
College View.....	15	49	4.40

### PRESIDENT M'CALLUM

Governor Montague Expresses Pleasure at His Election.

Mr. Daniel M'Callum, recently elected president of the Virginia Federation of Labor, has received the following letter from Governor A. J. Montague:

"I take the liberty of expressing my pleasure at your election as president of the Virginia Federation of Labor, and am quite persuaded that with yourself at the head of this organization, will be found a president of wise counsel, and a devotion to the welfare of labor and the welfare of all the people."

### Sprinkle the Streets.

General Manager Huff, of the Passenger and Power Company, stated yesterday afternoon that within the next few days the city sprinkler would make its appearance upon the streets. He said the portable tank was undergoing repairs at present and would wear a much improved appearance upon the streets.

## SEASON OF FINALS IS USHERED IN

Commencement of the Mechanics' Institute To-Night.  
Interesting Programme.

That interesting period of every year which is marked by and given over to commencements will be ushered in to-night by final exercises of that worthy institution, the Mechanics' Institute.

A very attractive programme has been prepared, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The orchestra will render the grand entire march at 8:30 o'clock.

The order of proceedings will be: Introductory remarks.

Musical.

Introduction of orator by Mr. Wyndham B. Meredith.

Address by Professor Charles W. Kent, M. A., Ph. D., University of Virginia. Subject: "The Man Four-Square."

Musical.

Presentation of "The Loomer Medal," for greatest improvement in Drawing during the session.

Presentation of the Channing Medal, offered by Mr. A. J. Channing, for the best averages during the session in the Arithmetic Classes, presented by Rev. Weston Bruner, D. D., to D. R. Johnston, Arithmetic Class E.

Presentation of the prize given by the Industrial Publication Company, of New York city, "Easy Lessons in Mechanical Drawing and Machine Design," two volumes, for the greatest improvement during the session in Mechanical Drawing Classes, to M. L. Berger, Mechanical Drawing Class A, Third Division.

Presentation of diplomas and announcement of honors, by Mr. C. P. E. Burghwyn, principal.

The passing session of the Institute has been one of the most successful and profitable in the long and useful career of the school. President Whitehurst, of the Board, and all of the officers and teachers are delighted with the results.

## THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Virginia Society to Try to Accomplish This Work.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD

Ninetieth Anniversary of the Society Celebrated Last Sunday—Fine Address by Dr. Hodge.

The ninetieth anniversary of the Bible Society of Virginia was celebrated Sunday afternoon with appropriate exercises held in the new auditorium of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Quite a large attendance was present, and the service proved one of the most interesting sort. Dr. W. T. Tudor presided, and Dr. Russell Cecil, Rev. R. H. Bennett and Rev. Tam Lehmann participated. The address for the occasion, one of the finest in the history of the society, was delivered by the Rev. E. B. Hodge, D. D., of Philadelphia, secretary of education for the Northern Presbyterian Church. His text was Psalms 119, verse 130, "The Entrance of thy words giveth light."

The speaker emphasized the need of the Bible in the home, in the schools, and as the basis of true civilization. He declared that the Bible ought to be used in secular schools because it is the finest classic in the English language, and because it contains the only true system of morals, and education without morals is defective. Dr. Hodge didn't see how anyone could object to the Bible as issued by the Bible Society of Virginia "without note or comment."

**THE ANNUAL REPORT.**  
The annual report of the Board of Managers of the society was submitted by the secretary, the Rev. W. S. Campbell. The report read in part as follows:

There are many thousands of homes in the State in which no part of the word of God is found, and there are many thousands more of individuals destitute of the Scriptures. During each year there come into Hampton Roads harbor vessels from all parts of the commercial world, on which there are from 4,000 to 50,000 men, a large majority of whom are entirely without the word of God. We have been able to do only a small part of what ought to have been done in supplying this great need.

The ever changing population of our State and local districts needs our constant care. At least 5,000 copies of the Scriptures are needed every year for this purpose.

Thousands more are needed for the inmates of almshouses and other eleemosynary institutions.

Straitened as it may seem, we find very few Sunday-schools properly supplied with Bibles, and this is true not only of weak mission schools, but even of many large and strong schools. We are doing what we can to supply the needs as far as we can. But this is such a great undertaking that we have accomplished only a very small part of it.

Into the mining sections of our State vast numbers of people are coming, most of them from foreign lands, most of them without the word of God. Among them our agents are working, doing much, but there is much more to be done before the needs can be supplied.

It is our earnest hope to be able to do more of the practical during the coming year in the way of introducing the Bible into many of the secular schools in which it is not now used.

For some reason which we cannot explain, the contributions received for our work are falling off, and individuals show a large falling off during the year. The contributions received during the preceding year were \$2,690.56. Those received during the year just ended amounted to \$2,444.73, a decrease of \$245.83.

Notwithstanding this falling off of contributions we have been able to do the largest work done by the society in many years.

The whole number of volumes put into circulation through our various agencies was 22,223, of which 5,542 were donated to those without the Scriptures. The whole number of volumes circulated during the preceding year was 19,958, showing an increase this year of 3,474 volumes.

Rev. W. S. Campbell has continued in charge of the work of the society during the year as secretary and general agent, doing all the office work and superintending the work all over the State. He bought and sold, or shipped to our representatives, all the Bibles circulated by the society, received reports from collectors and agents, and did the bookkeeping in the office. He wrote 4,059 letters, and sent out 7,000 copies of our last annual report, and about 75,000 circulars in connection with our work. He visited and addressed 14 ecclesiastical bodies and churches in the interest of our work, in doing which he traveled 1,699 miles. He also preached 32 sermons during the year.

We have moved into a new and commodious office room at No. 220 East Main Street, and are now prepared better than ever to do the work entrusted to us.

The following is the report of the treasurer for year ending March 31, 1903: Receipts, \$5,726.32; disbursements, \$5,649.71; balance in treasury, \$76.61.

**OFFICERS ELECTED.**  
The following officers and Board of Managers were elected: President, Rev. W. T. Tudor, D. D., of the Methodist Church; Vice-Presidents, from the Episcopal Church, Rev. J. J. Giffatt; from the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart; from the Methodist Church, South, Rev. W. B. Beauchamp; from the Baptist Church, Rev. W. H. Whitsett, D. D.; from the Disciples Church, Rev. Cary E. Morgan; from the Lutheran Church, Rev. C. A. Marks; from the German Evangelical Church, Rev. Paul L. Menzel, D. D.; Secretary and General Agent, Rev. William S. Campbell; Treasurer, James Whitsett.

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### SEASON OF OPERA

Manager Wells Brings an Organization of Thirty-five People Here.

Manager Jake Wells will bring a large comic opera company to the Bijou next week, and if it is as successful as he anticipates, it will be frequently seen in this territory during the summer. There are thirty-five people in the company, and during the first week three productions will be made. These will be "Said Pasha" on Monday night, Tuesday matinee and Tuesday night, "Fra Diavolo" on Wednesday and Thursday, the usual Thursday matinee, and "Glorio Glorio" on Friday and Saturday, with the usual Saturday matinee.

The company is to be known as the Robinson Company. It has a very large repertoire, and each piece is to be magnificently staged.

**Fellowship at Chicago.**  
Tucker Brooke, son of Dr. and Mrs. St. George T. Brooke, of Morgantown, W. Va., has been tendered a fellowship in German at the University of Chicago. The proffer has been accepted. Mr. Brooke will leave in the fall to take charge of the position.

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**Texas Table's Thanks.**

The Texas Committee wish to thank most heartily Mr. C. R. Winston, of the Winston Electric Construction Company, for the furnishing of electric lights in our booth; Miller & Rhoads, through Mr. Charles W. Selden, for the lumber; Mr. L. C. Jenkins and Mr. B. F. Cosby, for building of booth, and Whitehead & Son, for the cutting of souvenir stars.

**Mr. Rhoads Goes North.**

Mr. W. S. Rhoads, of the firm of Miller & Rhoads, left last night for a northern trip. The Sixth Street annex of this store will be ready for occupancy about October 1st.

When completed, Miller & Rhoads will have one of the largest department stores South of Washington.

### ATTEND THE REUNION UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

New Orleans, May 10-22, 1903. Via West Point Route.

Very low rate of one cent per mile traveled, from all points. Tickets sold May 10th, 21st, inclusive, with final return limit June 15th, by extension. Join the "Howitzers" and veterans from Richmond and see that your tickets read via Atlanta and West Point Railroad, and Western Railway of Alabama, from Atlanta to Montgomery.

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### UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION.

New Orleans, May 10-22. Only 1 Cent. Per Mile, via N. and W. Railway. Tickets will be sold by the Norfolk and Western Railway on May 16th to 21st inclusive, good for return passage until May 24th, but may be extended conditionally until June 15th. Round trip rate from Richmond, \$20.90. Special through sleeper leaves Saturday, May 16th, with party of ladies and gentlemen from Richmond and Petersburg. Best and most picturesque route. Apply at once for reservation.

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### B. P. O. E.

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For the above occasion the Norfolk and Western Railway will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip. On sale